

Connecting students to careers, Professionals to communities, **Connections** Communities to better health.

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Scrubs Camp - Yankton Student Comments

“My favorite part was learning all of the career and college options. It was my favorite cause it gave me a lot of options to think about.”

Student from
Bridgewater/Emery

“I enjoyed the EMS and simulator sessions because they were very hands on and easy to follow.”

Student from
Yankton High School

“My favorite part was watching the Nurse Practitioners suture up the banana - very hands on and interesting to me.”

Student from
Yankton High School

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Partnerships enable delivering CNA training to more HS students

Yankton Rural AHEC is working with local high schools to bring an exciting opportunity to juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in one of the fastest growing career fields —healthcare—with Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training. YRAHEC is collaborating with local Long Term Care facilities to offer Certified Nurse Assistant Training to a select group of students during the 2nd quarter. Working closely with the school counselors, YRAHEC selects students who are interested in the healthcare field; these students can receive CTE credit for their involvement in this project. Students participate in this program in a self-directed manner and complete online education through Avera Education and Staffing Solutions, an 8 hour skills review, 16 hours of clinicals, and take a certification exam.

Upon completion of the training and passing the certification exam students are immediately employable in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.

Last year, Yankton Rural AHEC assisted in the training and certification of more than 40 students as CNAs.



Info below: from the 2015 Healthcare Workforce Report/ SD Department of Health - Healthcare Workforce Center

- Healthcare occupations providing direct health care services are among the fastest growing professions in South Dakota. These jobs are projected to make up approximately 14% of the state's new jobs between 2012 and 2022.
- Registered Nurses (+1490 workers) and Nursing Assistants (+575 workers) are projected to have the highest change in number of healthcare occupation workers by 2022.

CNA Institutes have been scheduled for Yankton in June of 2016 and in Mitchell, July 11-22, 2016. Look for more details soon.

DTD: Tooling up an estimated 300 students to assist in a potential disaster



Disaster Training Day is set for Feb. 19, 2016, at the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion. The day includes 12 disciplines of healthcare students from USD, and South Dakota State University. The day focuses on topics, terminology, processes, and procedures that will help the students be prepared should they be called upon in a disaster. Look for more info in future newsletters and at www.yrahec.org.



The South Dakota Area Health Education Center (SD AHEC) has a mission to “connect students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health.” Established in 2009 through a HRSA grant awarded to the Sanford School of Medicine, the statewide program currently has two centers, the Yankton Rural AHEC and the Northeast AHEC.

Yankton Scrubs Camp - Oct. 6, 2015



Students from 11 area high schools attended the Yankton camp.

Coordinated by: Yankton Rural AHEC



The camp featured 13 exhibitors including numerous post-secondary schools and Yankton Rural AHEC, at left.



FNP students from SDSU were one of 8 presenters.



Other presenters: Avera Sacred Heart Radiology, HyVee Dietitian, Human Services Center-Behavioral Health, Yankton County EMS, SDMyLife, Yankton Medical Clinic - Pediatrics, and Allied Health - LPN simulation trailer.



YRAHEC participates at SDAHO Conference

The Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center (YRAHEC) participated in a panel presentation September 23rd at the pre-conference session of the South Dakota Association of Health Care Organizations Conference in Sioux Falls.

YRAHEC along with Lutheran Social Services, the South Dakota Department of Labor and Avera spoke about healthcare workforce shortages, and how each of their organizations is addressing this issue. During the panel discussion, Sandy Williams, Executive Director, addressed the programs South Dakota AHEC's provide to educate diverse populations about opportunities in healthcare. She also informed participants about educational partnership programs that provide employment opportunities for participants when completed.

Cheri Buffington, Program Manager for Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students, gave an overview of that program along with the outcomes of the 29 individuals who have graduated since its inception in 2011. A question and answer session followed presentations.

2016 Healthcare Video Contest - Info Coming Soon

Look for more information in November concerning the 2016 Healthcare Video Contest. Details will be posted at Yankton Rural AHEC's website: www.yrahec.org. Find the winners of the 2015 contest at the website. Also email info@yrahec.org for the latest news.



On-The-Go's added to the In-A-Box hands-on learning module line-up at Yankton Rural AHEC

Eight healthcare learning modules with a variety of activities are available for teachers to incorporate into their South Dakota classrooms.

Each module contains learning tools such as videos, books, charts, life-like models, and health professional equipment to bring the world of healthcare closer to students.

The new **On-The-Go modules** designed by Northeast AHEC in Aberdeen are:

Heart On-The-Go: Students will learn about functions of the heart and circulatory system. This crate is action-packed with stethoscopes, oximeters, heart model, pig heart, fat loss monitor, pumping heart model, books, games and more.

Lungs On-The-Go: Students will learn to identify parts and properties of the lungs and understand these functions of lung health and maintaining lung health. Inside the crate, students will find x-rays of lungs, asthma check peak flow meter, pigs lung, plastic lung model, videos, books, posters, games and more.

The **In-A-Box curricula** designed by the Oregon Area Health Education Center focuses on: **Bones & Muscles, Mouth, Ear, Guts, Eye and Brain.**

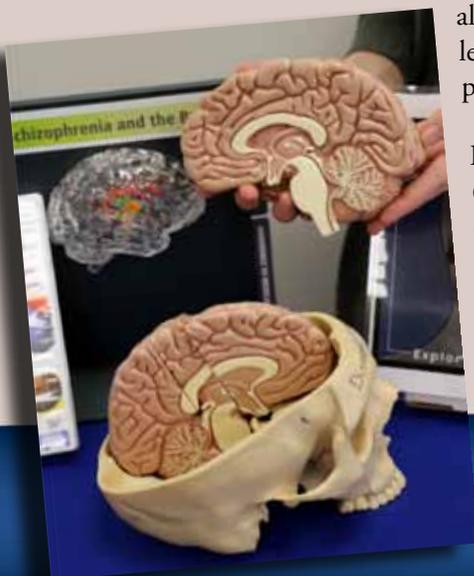
Students will find tooth models, a microscope, sound meter, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, braille examples, models of healthy and diseased brains, books, videos, games, charts and more packed into these six different modules as listed above.

Teachers, presenters and group leaders who work with grades 4-8 (and others) can explore aspects of scientific careers, the body, and the environment in these self-contained exploration in health and science kits.

The modules also allow customization of learning activities to particular groups.

Contact Yankton Rural AHEC at 605-655-1400 about the details and scheduling these unique classroom tools.

Brain In-A-Box materials



Students already signing up for REHPS 2016

Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students recruitment and placement for the summer of 2016 is well underway. Presentations for all professions other than medical students will be given prior to December of 2015 and applications are being taken for each profession shortly after each group presentation is given.

Five physician assistant students have already been selected for next summer and the application process for family nurse practitioners and alumni scholar medical students is underway. Thirty students from seven disciplines will be given the opportunity to experience rural healthcare in fifteen communities for the second straight year. Participating disciplines include: clinical psychology, family nurse practitioner, social work, medical laboratory science, medicine, pharmacy and physician assistant.

This represents the sixth year of the REHPS summer experience program.



YRAHEC welcomes Kellie Chavis to staff

In September, Kellie Chavis, of Yankton, joined Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center in the administrative support position. Kellie has an associate's degree in Administrative Office Specialist from Mitchell Technical Institute. Kellie also works part-time with a not-for-profit community agency providing supports and services as needed by people with developmental disabilities. Kellie came to South Dakota about 10 years ago from California, where she worked 14 years with a mailing and shipping systems company. She has a 20-year-old son, Ryan, in boot camp with the US Army and an 18-year-old son, Michael, who just joined the Navy and ships off in March. Welcome, Kellie!



Upcoming Events -- Save the Date

- Oct. 14, 2015** Scrubs Camp, Hot Springs
- Oct. 14, 2015** REHPS presentation Clinical Psychology - USD Vermillion
- Oct. 21, 2015** Scrubs Camps: Chamberlain, Mobridge, Mission
REHPS presentation Pharmacy - SDSU Brookings
- Oct. 28, 2015** Scrubs Camp, Faith/Eagle Butte
- Oct. 28, 2015** Scrubs Camp, Watertown
- Nov. 3-6, 2015** World of Work, Yankton
- Nov. 13, 2015** USD Health Sciences class presentations about AHEC
- Nov. 17, 2015** Scrubs Camp, Rapid City
- Nov. 18, 2015** Scrubs Camp, Mitchell



Gross, Germs! About 100 sixth graders at Yankton Middle School talked about germs and the need for proper handwashing with Yankton Rural AHEC's Corryn Celmer in September as part of homecoming week. This group posed with teacher Kacie J., left, and Corryn, right, after receiving a small bottle of hand sanitizer.

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